

Fwd: For Info: Confirmation of service – Thomas Marazzo

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Hey guys we got a media request from Global who is looking for confirmation re whether Thomas marazzo, one of the lead convoy organizers, was previously in the CAF, how long he served and whether he was part of any intl deployments.
Dept will be confirming that he was indeed part of the CAF, that he didn't do any intl deployments and that he was released 7 years ago.
Pls note there is already chatter on social media re his former CAF involvement.
Obviously the next Q journos will ask is why he was released, to which we would need to say we can't provide that info due to the privacy act.

Personal Info.

Beyond the grammatical errors in the proposed response below, do you have any concerns / thoughts?

If not, we will flag to PMO, edit the response and let it go out.

Thx.

Sabrina

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Outlets: Global / Barrie Today

Deadlines: 1100

Issue:

Both outlets are seeking to confirm Thomas Marazzo – one of the “Freedom Convoy” protestors, is former CAF – as has been stated online. They are also seeking information regarding his tenure in the CAF.

Response:

After verifying our records, we can confirm that an individual with the name Thomas Marazzo is a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). He released 7 years ago in Sep 2016, after 18 years of service.

Thomas Marazzo joined the CAF in September 1998 in Hamilton, Ontario. He was a Captain in the Canadian Army, and served as a Construction Engineer Officer.

He released from the Regular Force in 2015 to join the Supplementary Reserves. Thomas Mazarro fully released from the CAF on September 2016. His service does not include any international deployments.

As any additional information about this individual is protected under The Privacy Act, we are unable to comment further at this time.

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